



**TOWN OF BARNSTABLE**  
Recreation Division  
Patti Machado, Leisure Services Director  
141 Bassett Lane  
Hyannis, MA 02601  
Tel: 508-790-6345  
Fax: 508-790-6279  
E-Mail: Recreation@town.barnstable.ma.us



**BARNSTABLE YOUTH COMMISSION**  
**May 13, 2015 Minutes**

A quorum not being duly present, **Chairman Samuel Spillane** called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Hyannis Youth and Community Center, 141 Bassett Lane, Hyannis, MA 02601.

**Present:** Samuel Spillane (Chairman), Brendan W. Clark (Vice-Chairman), Jeanne Challies (Police Officer), Jeniffer Cullum (Town Council Liaison), Patti Machado (Leisure Services Director), Lianna Mitchell, and Trisha Otto (Recording Secretary).

**Absent:** Emily Mannal, Jen Ellis (Police Officer), Bobbi Moritz (Barnstable County Resource Officer), Kathleen Murtaugh, George Noonan (Program Coordinator), Carrie Osborn, James Sturgis (Police Officer), Harrison McDonald, Georgina Duffy-Hetzel, Matt Hersey, and Michael Hersey (Adult Advisor),

**Brendan** made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 8, 2015 minutes with the following changes:

Under:

- I. Recruiting Flyer – item c. – change **Jenn to Jen**
  - II. Youth Summit Surveys – item d. – change **Smith to Clark**
- Adjourning statement – change **Smith to Clark**

**Lianna** seconded the motion; motion carried.

**Public Comment:** None

**Old Business:**

**Agenda Items**

- A. **Youth Summit:**
  - 1. Brendan, Sam, Patti and Jen attended the Kiwanis Club meeting to thank the members for their support. Kiwanis said they are open to offer more financial support for any future endeavors. The Club gave Brendan and Sam bells as a gift/token of their future support.

2. The surveys were discussed – Kathleen Murtaugh made changes to simplify it. The survey needs to bring forward: 1) What they liked best 2) Did they get a mentor? A total of 350 surveys have been completed.

**B. M.G.L.A. Bill** – no progress. **Brendan** will send a letter to Rep. Whelan as another form of communication to get his input/assistance.

**C. Thank you notes** – **Lianna** reported they are a work in progress. Cards are to be signed from the “Barnstable Youth Commission”.

### **New Business:**

**A. Town Manager – Mashpee** – did not attend

**B. Jen Cullum** suggested that the next community effort should be a program to curtail the spice and synthetic marijuana crisis. Jen has reached out to Chief McDonald and Cheryl Bartlett. This program would have a profound meaning if it was led by the Youth Commission. Reach out to vendors and offer incentives for their support to be a spice and synthetic free environment. Reach out to BID, Chamber, Noah, Civic Associations, etc. to assist in promoting this effort. All interested parties together would buy in and support this program. Jen suggests sitting down with all parties to begin the framework in the beginning of June and implement the program in the Fall. Scott Fitzgerald is on board and would like to be included. **Brendan** supports this program and is happy to sit down with anyone to devise a plan to go out and talk to the community groups to give it that personal touch. **Jeanne** reported that the vendors selling the spice and synthetics sell only to known buyers – not selling from the counter. Buyers have to know how to buy it; what to ask for. Jenn stated that a lot of these vendors operate with a tobacco, lottery or liquor license – if this social effort campaign is insufficient there is the potential to target the loss of a license. **Patti** suggested that instead of the Youth Commission meeting during the summer the members plan on attending one of the many Civic Associations summer meetings as a way of selling the Youth Commission to the adults of the Community and asking them to get their children, grandchildren, etc. to be a member of the Youth Commission.

**C. Patti** brought forth information from the Career Services – they are holding a free leadership academy program on June 11 at Heritage Plantation – from 8:00 am to 1:30 pm open to all 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders – classes will be held in the morning and the afternoon will be access to the aerial adventure. This is limited to 50 students throughout the Cape. An e-mail will be sent out to the Youth Commission members to see if anyone is interested in attending. Career Services is also holding a Construction Day in October for all Juniors and Seniors – this will encompass architectural, building, and plumbing opportunities. It will touch on everything needed to build a home.

**D. Sam** will not be at the next meeting, he will be away. Also, Sam invited anyone interested to the P Pal conference on Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. at the Best Western Royal Plaza and Trade Center in Marlboro. Sam will be receiving the Youth Leadership Award. Attendees must register – Sam will forward the information to Patti. She will forward the e-mail info to the Commission members.

**E. Brendan** reported that the Youth Commission will be receiving citation certificates for their work on the Youth Summit from the Town Council at the meeting on May 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Brendan will send a text to the Commission members.

F. **Patti** handed out a pamphlet from the Cape Cod Resource Family Resource Center, 29 Bassett Lane, Hyannis – a Program by Family Continuity – will be open June 1<sup>st</sup> – they are available for support and assessments for troubled youth.

### **Liaison Reports**

**Brendan** attended the Town Council meeting reviewed – nothing pertinent to report. Brendan noted there are several students who need the backing of the Youth Commission. They will be speaking at an upcoming Town Council Meeting against the School Committee's decision to cut the Social Issues class at BHS. **Jen** advised **Brendan** on the proper protocol to follow – first express your concerns to the School Committee about the item. Give them a chance to respond. Then inform the School Committee of the intentions of bringing these concerns forward to the Town Council. **Sam** will contact the Student Council via letter informing them of their concerns and their intentions.

Next meeting – May 27, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

**Brendan Clark** made a motion to adjourn. **Lianna Mitchell** seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Trisha Otto

*Trisha Otto*

Trisha Otto, Financial Supervisor  
Town of Barnstable  
HYCC/Recreation  
508-790-6345 x 102  
[trisha.otto@town.barnstable.ma.us](mailto:trisha.otto@town.barnstable.ma.us)